

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 3-20, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A donation method performed by a computer including a processor and a memory unit coupled to the processor, the method comprising:
providing access to information charity data stored in the memory unit related to a plurality of government approved charities;
~~searching for at least one of the charities in the formation stored in the memory unit;~~
receiving, from an employee of an employer, ~~donation information including recurring billing information, donor information related to a donor, (1) an identifier of a selected charity of the plurality of government approved charities, (2) [[a]] an employee~~ donation amount, ~~and (3) an employer identifier corresponding to the employer information related to an employer of the donor, and charity information related to a charity;~~
~~if the processor determines that the received data from the employee stored in the memory unit indicates that the employer~~
~~will gift match at least a portion of the donation amount,~~
~~granting access rights to the employer to verify the donation information and~~
~~verifying, by the processor, the donation information on behalf of the employer by, at~~
least:
a) confirming that a payment from the employee for the donation amount was processed,

b) verifying that the charity is a government approved charity by, at least, searching at least one of: an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) database and a third party database of government approved charities, and

c) generating a receipt for the employer by, at least:

i) searching the memory unit for information related to gift matching forms specific to the employer,

ii) selecting a particular form based, at least in part, on the charity information stored in the memory unit,

iii) completing the selected gift matching form specific to the employer based on the donation information stored in the memory unit, and

iv) forwarding the completed form to the employer; and

matching the identifier of the selected charity to a charity category stored in the memory unit, wherein the charity category corresponds to the employer identifier;

retrieving a percentage and a cap amount stored in the memory unit, wherein the percentage and the cap amount each correspond to the charity category and the employer identifier;

multiplying the employee donation amount by the percentage to compute a preliminary employer donation amount;

calculating a final employer donation amount by limiting the preliminary employer donation amount to the cap amount; and

processing, after the verifying, a gift matching a payment to the selected charity on behalf of the employer for the final employer donation amount.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed in an online environment.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the donation information at least one of the employee donation amount and the employer donation amount further includes~~ loyalty point donation information.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein the donation information further includes gift matching information further including:~~

~~storing, in the memory unit, at least one of (1) a plurality of charity identifiers corresponding to a plurality of employer identifiers and (2) a plurality of charity categories corresponding to a plurality of employer identifiers.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the providing access to ~~charity data further a plurality of government approved charities~~ includes providing access to ~~charity data respectively related to~~ all government approved 501(c) charities.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the providing access to ~~charity data further a plurality of government approved charities~~ includes providing access to ~~charity data respectively related to~~ all government approved 501(c) charities via a donation portal.

7. (Currently Amended) A donation method performed by a computer including a processor and a memory unit coupled to the processor, the method comprising:

providing access to an online donation portal, wherein the donation portal is configured to provide access to charity data stored in the memory unit related to a plurality of government approved charities;

receiving, from an employee of an employer via the donation portal, charity search criteria;

selecting, based on the charity search criteria, an identifier of a selected charity ~~searching for charity information~~ stored in the memory unit related to at least one of the charities using a search function of the donation portal;

receiving, from the employee, an employee donation amount, and an employer identifier corresponding to the employer;

~~storing in the memory unit destination information received from an employee of an employer, wherein the donation information includes recurring billing information, donor information related to a donor, a donation amount, employer information related to an employer of the donor, and charity information related to a charity;~~

~~if the processor determines that the data received from the employee and stored in the memory unit indicates that the employer~~

~~will gift match at least a portion of the donation amount,~~

~~granting access rights to the employer to verify the donation information and verifying, by the processor, the donation information on behalf of the employer by, at least:~~

~~a) confirming that a payment from the employee for the donation amount was processed; and~~

b) verifying that the charity is a government approved charity by, at least, searching at least one of: an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) database and a third party database of government approved charities;

c) generating a receipt for the employer by, at least:

i) searching the memory unit for information related to gift matching forms specific to the employer;

ii) selecting a particular form based, at least in part, on the charity information stored in the memory unit;

iii) completing the selected gift matching form specific to the employer based on the donation information stored in the memory unit; and

iv) forwarding the completed form to the employer; and

matching the identifier of the selected charity to a charity category stored in the memory unit, wherein the charity category corresponds to the employer identifier;

retrieving a percentage and a cap amount stored in the memory unit, wherein the percentage and the cap amount each correspond to the charity category and the employer identifier;

multiplying the employee donation amount by the percentage to compute a preliminary employer donation amount;

calculating a final employer donation amount by limiting the preliminary employer donation amount to the cap amount; and

processing, after the verifying, a gift matching a payment to the selected charity on behalf of the employer for the final employer donation amount.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein ~~the donation information at least one of the employee donation amount and the employer donation amount~~ further includes loyalty point donation information.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, ~~wherein the donation information further includes gift matching information further including:~~

~~storing, in the memory unit, at least one of (1) a plurality of charity identifiers corresponding to a plurality of employer identifiers, and (2) a plurality of charity categories corresponding to a plurality of employer identifiers.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A donation method performed by a computer including a processor and a memory unit coupled to the processor, the method comprising:

~~providing access to charity data stored in the memory unit related to at least one of a plurality of accessible government approved charities;~~

~~receiving, from an employee of an employer, (1) an identifier of a selected charity of the plurality of government approved charities, (2) an employee donation amount, (3) loyalty point information, and (4) an employer identifier corresponding to the employer;~~

~~storing, in the memory unit, (1) the identifier of a selected charity of the plurality of government approved charities, (2) the employee donation amount, (3) the loyalty point information, and (4) the employer identifier corresponding to the employer~~ ~~donation information received from an employee of an employer, wherein the donation information includes loyalty point information, donor information related to a donor, a donation amount, employer information related to an employer of the donor, and charity information related to a charity;~~

~~if the processor determines that the employee information stored in the memory unit indicates that the employer will gift match at least a portion of the donation amount, granting access rights to the employer to verify the donation information and; verifying, by the processor, the donation information on behalf of the employer by, at least:~~

- ~~a) confirming that a payment from the employee for the donation amount was processed; and~~
- ~~b) verifying that the charity is a government approved charity by, at least, searching at least one of: an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) database and a third party database of government approved charities;~~
- ~~c) generating a receipt for the employer by, at least:
 - i) searching the memory unit for information related to gift matching forms specific to the employer;
 - ii) selecting a particular form based, at least in part, on the charity information stored in the memory unit;
 - iii) completing the selected gift matching form specific to the employer based on the donation information stored in the memory unit; and
 - iv) forwarding the completed form to the employer; and~~
- matching the identifier of the selected charity to a charity category stored in the memory unit, wherein the charity category corresponds to the employer identifier;

retrieving a percentage and a cap amount stored in the memory unit, wherein the percentage and the cap amount each correspond to the charity category and the employer identifier;

multiplying the employee donation amount by the percentage to compute a preliminary employer donation amount;

calculating a final employer donation amount by limiting the preliminary employer donation amount to the cap amount; and

processing, after the verifying, a gift matching a payment to the selected charity on behalf of the employer for the final employer donation amount.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, ~~wherein the receiving donation information further includes including:~~

receiving recurring billing information from the employer.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, ~~wherein the receiving donation information further includes receiving gift matching information further including:~~

storing, in the memory unit, at least one of (1) a plurality of charity identifiers corresponding to a plurality of employer identifiers and (2) a plurality of charity categories corresponding to a plurality of employer identifiers.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the providing access to charity data further accessing at least one of a plurality of accessible government approved

~~charities includes providing access to charity data related to a accessing at least one of all government approved 501(c) charities charity.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the ~~providing access to charity data further accessing at least one of a plurality of accessible government approved charities includes providing access to charity data respectively related to accessing at least one of all government approved 501(c) charities via a donation portal.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, further ~~comprising, including:~~ verifying the loyalty point information by communicating with at least one third party, the third party including at least one of: a financial institution, a charity, a loyalty point issuer, and a government entity authorized to approve charities.

16. (Currently Amended) An online donation method performed by a computer including a processor and a memory unit coupled to the processor, the method comprising: ~~providing access to charity data stored in the memory unit related to at least one of a plurality of accessible government approved charities; receiving, from an employee of an employer, (1) an identifier of a selected charity of the plurality of government approved charities, (2) an employee donation amount, and (3) an employer identifier corresponding to the employer; storing, in the memory unit, (1) the identifier of a selected charity of the plurality of government approved charities, (2) the employee donation amount, and (3) the employer identifier corresponding to the employer donation information received from an employee of an~~

employer, wherein the donation information includes gift matching information, donor information related to a donor, a donation amount, employer information related to an employer of the donor, and charity information related to a charity;

if the processor determines that the employer information stored in the memory unit indicates that the employer

will gift match at least a portion of the donation amount,

granting access rights to the employer to verify the donation information stored in the memory unit;

verifying, by the processor, the donation information on behalf of the employer by, at least:

a) confirming that a payment from the employee for the donation amount was processed; and

b) verifying that the charity is a government approved charity by, at least, searching at least one of: an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) database and a third party database of government approved charities;

c) generating a receipt for the employer by, at least:

i) searching the memory unit for information related to gift matching forms specific to the employer;

ii) selecting a particular form based, at least in part, on the charity information stored in the memory unit;

iii) completing the selected gift matching form specific to the employer based on the donation information stored in the memory unit; and

iv) forwarding the completed form to the employer; and

matching the identifier of the selected charity to a charity category stored in the memory unit, wherein the charity category corresponds to the employer identifier;

retrieving a percentage and a cap amount stored in the memory unit, wherein the percentage and the cap amount each correspond to the charity category and the employer identifier;

multiplying the employee donation amount by the percentage to compute a preliminary employer donation amount;

calculating a final employer donation amount by limiting the preliminary employer donation amount to the cap amount; and

processing, after verifying, a gift matching a payment to the selected charity on behalf of the employer for the final employer donation amount.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the donation information includes further including:

receiving loyalty point donation information from the employer.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the donation information further includes further including:

receiving recurring billing information from the employer.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the providing access to charity data further accessing includes providing at least one of: listing capabilities, searching capabilities, and selecting capabilities.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further including: comprising,
verifying at least one of the selected charity, the percentage, the cap amount, the
preliminary employer donation amount, and the final employer donation amount the gift
~~matching information~~ by communicating with at least one third party, the third party including at
least one of: an employer, a financial institution, and the Internal Revenue Service.